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GLENDALE FIREFIGHTERS' 11TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Glendale, Ariz. — For the eleventh straight year, Glendale firefighters are putting on their Santa hats to host a clothing and toy drive for Glendale Elementary School District children in need.

Firefighters are asking residents to donate new toys and new clothing for this effort. The items in need include: socks, underwear and jackets (for all ages), plus blankets, pillows and toys. The age group most in need is kids between the ages of six and 14.

Firefighters will collect donations on three Saturdays: Dec. 1, 8 and 15, between 10a.m. to 4 p.m. at the K-Mart at 67th Avenue and Bell Road. In addition, drop off sites have been set up at all nine Glendale fire stations and the Glendale Fire Marshal's Office. Those locations are:

- * Fire Station #151: 6851 North 52nd Ave.
- Fire Station #152: 6850 W. Bethany Home Road *
- Fire Station #153: 14061 N. 59th Ave.
- * Fire Station #154: 4439 W. Peoria
- * Fire Station #155: 6255 W. Union Hills
- * Fire Station #156: 6801 W. Deer Valley
- Fire Station #157: 9658 N. 59th Ave. *
- Fire Station #158: 6261 N. 83rd Ave.
- * Fire Station #159: 17159 N. 63rd Ave.
- * Glendale Fire Marshall's Office: 5800 West Glenn Drive, Ste. 350 (M-F 8am-5pm)

The new clothes and new toys will be given to families who are part of a special wish list in the school district, as provided by the schools' nurses and social workers. Last year, Glendale Firefighters assisted more than 500 families and collected more than \$60,000 worth of new clothing and toys for families in need.

For more information regarding the Holiday Toy and Clothing Drive, please call 623-930-4400.

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